

Patent Application of Donald P. Sahlem for "Clothes Hanger Retaining Device"

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What I Claim is:

1. A clothes hanger retaining device comprising;
 - 5 a) an elongate inverted trough shaped cover;
 - b) strap means for retaining said cover to a conventional clothes pole upon which conventional clothes hangers are hanging, thereby sandwiching the hook portions of said clothes hangers between said cover and said clothes pole.
- 10 2. A clothes hanger retaining device according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of slots in said cover, position and retain said strap.
3. A clothes hanger retaining device according to claim 1, wherein said strap means are comprised of hook and loop material.
4. A clothes hanger retaining device according to claim 3, wherein said strap is
 - 15 comprised substantially of a section of uniform width, further including a wider section at one extreme shouldered end, such that when said strap is inserted through said slots, said shoulders will abut with said cover.
5. A clothes hanger retaining device according to claim 1, wherein the ends of said cover are flanged inward toward the concave surface of said cover.
- 20 6. A clothes hanger retaining device according to claim 1, wherein said cover is comprised of multiple sections, telescopically engaged whereby the length of said cover is adjustable.
7. A clothes hanger retaining device, which comprises;

- 5 a) cover having first and second spaced apart ends extending to and meeting with front and back edges, wherein the cover is positionable over a generally horizontally oriented pole supporting at least one clothes hanger with the first and second ends adjacent to respective first and second supports for the pole and with the front and back edges residing on opposite sides of the pole; and
- 10 b) a securing strap connected to the cover and having a length sufficient to be extendable around a lower side of the pole and then be securable to the cover.
8. The clothes hanger retaining device of claim 7 wherein the strap has a first portion connected to the cover and a second, opposite portion securable to the cover.
- 15 9. The clothes hanger retaining device of claim 8 wherein the first portion of the strap resides on an upper surface of the cover and comprises one of a hook and loop type fastener and the second portion comprises the other of a hook and loop type fastener to be securable to the first portion.
- 20 10. The clothes hanger retaining device of claim 7 wherein the cover includes a first opening through which the second portion of the strap extends to be securable to the cover.
- 25 11. The clothes hanger retaining device of claim 10 wherein the first end of the strap resides on the upper surface of the cover with the strap extending through a second opening in the cover and wherein the second end of the strap extends through the first opening and is securable to the first end by the hook and loop type fastener of the first and second ends.

12. The clothes hanger retaining device of claim 11 wherein the first end of the strap
comprises an enlarged head residing adjacent to the lower side of the cover with
5 strap extending through a third opening in the cover to provide the strap connected
to the cover.

13. A clothes hanger retaining device which comprises;

- a) a first cover portion having first and second spaced apart ends extending to
and meeting with front and back edges;
- 10 b) a second cover portion having third and fourth spaced apart ends extending
to and meeting with front and back edges, wherein the first and second
cover portions are positionable over a generally horizontally oriented pole
supporting at least one clothes hanger with the first end of the first cover
portion adjacent to a first support for the pole and with the fourth end of the
15 second cover portion adjacent to a second support for the pole and wherein
one of the second and third ends of the respective first and second cover
portions is overlaid by the other of the second and third ends to provide an
overlapping relationship for the first and second cover portions at the
second and third ends; and
- 20 c) a securing strap having a first strap portion connected to at least one of the
first and second cover portions and a second opposite strap portion
extendable about the pole and through the first opening in the first cover
portion and a second opening in the second cover portion to thereby overlay
the other of the second and third ends of the overlapping first and second
25 cover portions and be securable thereto.